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For	ELEMENT WITH VERY HIGH MECHANICAL RESISTANCE AND HIGH VIBRATION ABSORPTION AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME
Art Unit	Not known
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,
please amend the claims as follows: